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The reply filed Sept. 4, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action mailed October 24, 2000 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's reply received Sept. 4, 2001 does not fully address the office action mailed October 24, 2000. Specifically, Applicant has not addressed the double patenting rejections (both obviousness-type and statutory type 35 USC 101) at paragraphs 9-12 of the office action mailed October 24, 2000. The reply by the applicant or patent owner must be reduced to a writing which distinctly and specifically points out the supposed errors in the examiner's action and must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action. If the reply is with respect to an application, a request may be made that objections or requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of the claims be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated. See 37 CFR 1.111. Because the double patenting rejections are not "objections" or "requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of the claims", it is respectfully requested that Applicant respond accordingly. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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